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   (By the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries)
   (ii) The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Trade and Industry to the Ninth Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee on the implementation of the 2021 Budget with emphasis on the ‘Green Economy’.
   (By the Minister of Trade and Industry)
   (iii) The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Planning and Development to the Seventh Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee on the examination into the implementation of the Public Sector Investment Programme (PSIP) for fiscal year 2021.
   (By the Minister of Planning and Development)

7. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

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QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER APPEAR IN THE APPENDIX

Questions for Oral Answer

Question No. 65 to the Attorney General
(By Senator Wade Mark)
Can the Attorney General advise as to the rationale for the decision by the Rules Committee of Trinidad and Tobago to increase the costs to the public for all aspects of litigation in the High Court of Trinidad and Tobago?
Question No. 66 to the Minister of Public Utilities  
(By Senator Wade Mark)  
Given that over two hundred (200) residents of Manzanilla and Plum Mitan Road have been without a supply of potable water for several months, can the Minister advise when will this situation be rectified?

Question No. 67 to the Minister of National Security  
(By Senator Wade Mark)  
Given January 2023 reports indicating that approximately thirty (30) officers attached to the Immigration Detention Centre in Aripo have not received salaries since November 2022, can the Minister advise as to the following:  
(i) what are the reasons for the failure to pay salaries to these officers; and  
(ii) when will salaries be paid to these officers?

10. REQUESTS FOR LEAVE TO MOVE THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE ON DEFINITE MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

11. STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS OR PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIES

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GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Bills Second Reading:

(i) A Bill entitled, ‘An Act to amend the Municipal Corporations Act, Chap. 25:04 to establish the Borough of Diego Martin and the Borough of Siparia and to make consequential amendments to the Representation of the People Act, Chap. 2:01, the Interpretation Act, Chap. 3:01, the Elections and Boundaries Commission (Local Government and Tobago House of Assembly) Act, Chap. 25:50, the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Regulations, Chap. 48:50, the Central Tenders Board Act, Chap. 71:91 and other written laws’.  
(By the Minister of Rural Development and Local Government)

(ii) A Bill entitled, ‘An Act to repeal and replace the Arbitration Act, Chap. 5:01, to provide a modern legal framework to facilitate domestic and international trade and commerce by encouraging the use of arbitration as a means of resolving disputes and for related matters’.  
(By the Attorney General)

(iii) A Bill entitled, ‘An Act to establish the Private Security Service Authority and to regulate the private security industry and for other related matters’.  
(By the Minister of National Security)

(iv) A Bill entitled, ‘An Act to amend the Supplemental Police Act, Chap. 15:02’.  
(By the Minister of National Security)
PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Motions:

(i) The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the Senate adjourned on Tuesday May 23, 2023 will be resumed:

WHEREAS the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, Chap. 1:01 entrenches the principle of the separation of powers between the Legislature, the Executive and the Judiciary, which ensures the protection of citizens and a system of checks and balances in the exercise of power;

AND WHEREAS the Constitution provides protection to all constitutionally enshrined offices and institutions;

AND WHEREAS the actions of the Government in its engagement with constitutionally enshrined offices and institutions have caused public unease and concerns;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Senate calls on the Government to reaffirm its commitment to the principles and the practice of democracy in Trinidad and Tobago.

(By Senator Jayanti Lutchmedial)

(ii) The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the Senate adjourned on Tuesday November 29, 2022 will be resumed:

WHEREAS it is the duty of the Government to provide safe, reliable and compassionate healthcare services for all citizens during a pandemic;

AND WHEREAS during the COVID-19 pandemic the Government has failed to address the inequities in accessing healthcare services;

AND WHEREAS the Government has failed to meet the international standards for patient care, as is stated in the Report of the Committee Appointed to Investigate the Factors Contributing to Clinical Outcomes of COVID-19 Patients in Trinidad and Tobago;

AND WHEREAS the Government has failed to effectively manage resources to facilitate the movement of critically ill patients to and from our nation's hospitals;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Senate take note of the unacceptable number of deaths from COVID-19;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Senate call on the Government to take immediate steps to initiate a Commission of Enquiry into the Government's management of the COVID-19 pandemic at our nation's healthcare institutions.

(By Senator David Nakhid)

(iii) WHEREAS Section 76(2) of the Constitution provides that the Attorney General is responsible for the administration of legal affairs in Trinidad and Tobago;

AND WHEREAS the Attorney General is required to uphold the Constitution and adhere to the Code of Ethics of the Legal Profession Act, Chap. 90:03, and maintain the rule of law to engender public confidence and trust in the office of the Attorney General;

AND WHEREAS a Miami Court has disqualified the Attorney General from acting on behalf of Trinidad and Tobago, due to a conflict of interest as the Defendants in the Miami matter were his former clients;
AND WHEREAS in said matter the Attorney General swore an affidavit dated April 24, 2022, wherein, he made several patently false statements and manifestly misrepresented the facts of his involvement with his former clients;

AND WHEREAS the Attorney General's conduct has embarrassed Trinidad and Tobago and brought his office into odium and disrepute;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Senate declare that it has lost confidence in the Attorney General, Senator the Honourable Reginald Armour, SC.

(By Senator Wade Mark)

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Question No. 113 to the Minister of Finance  
(By Senator Wade Mark)  
As regard the Trinidad and Tobago Revenue Authority (TTRA), can the Minister advise as to the following:  
(i) the names of the Director General and the Deputy Directors General of the TTRA;  
(ii) the qualifications of the respective office holders; and  
(iii) the terms and conditions of employment, including the salaries and contract periods of the respective office holders?  
(Answer due by 03.06.2023)  

Question No. 114 to the Minister of Education  
(By Senator Dr. Paul Richards)  
As regard the children referred to the Student Support Services Division, can the Minister provide the following information for each year during the period January 2018 to April 2023:  
(i) how many children were diagnosed with special needs and disabilities;  
(ii) what were the categories of special needs and disabilities identified;  
(iii) what were the recommended courses of treatment; and  
(iv) how many of these children received treatment?  
(Answer due by 14.06.2023)  

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NOTICE OF URGENT QUESTIONS

The under-mentioned Questions which have been accepted by the President in accordance with Standing Order 25 are hereby forwarded for the attention of the Ministers concerned.

1. **TO THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL SECURITY**  
   (By Senator Dr. Paul Richards)  
   Given reports of a missing Galil Assault Rifle from the Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force, can the Minister indicate whether any ammunition was lost with the weapon?

2. **TO THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL SECURITY**  
   (By Senator Wade Mark)  
   In light of the disappearance of a Galil Assault Rifle at the Teteron Barracks and the deadly harm it can generate, can the Minister indicate whether anyone has been detained or suspended in relation to this matter?

3. **TO THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION**  
   (By Senator Wade Mark)  
   In light of a shooting incident on the compound of a Primary school in Valencia in the presence of pupils and teachers, can the Minister indicate what immediate steps are being taken to address this situation?

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